



# ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

For the year ended 31 December 2022



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The PCC is a charity registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales. St Matthew's forms part of the Tolworth Hook & Surbiton Team Ministry working alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ at St George's, Tolworth and St Paul's, Hook.

## PCC MEMBERSHIP

Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

PCC membership is for a three year term of office. It is permitted to hold the office for two consecutive periods after which it is our practice for the member to stand down in order to spread the responsibility of this position more widely amongst the congregation. The term each member is serving is indicated below.

During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Team Rector: Rev'd Helen Hancock

Churchwardens: Mrs Jackie Farris  
Mr Dave Hill

Representatives on the Deanery Synod (term of office expires April 2023):  
Mr Mark Curzon  
Mrs Sheena Evans  
Mrs Sue Fraser

Elected representatives of the laity:

Until APCM 2023 Ms Anne Cosserat (second term)  
Mr Stuart Bachelor (second term)  
Mrs Isobel Hill (first term)  
Miss Wendy Richmond (first term)  
Mr Tim Lucas (first term)

Until APCM 2024 Mrs Chika Ripley (second term)  
Mrs Brenda Tyrrell (second term)

Until APCM 2025 Mr Keith Hudson (second term)  
Mrs Jessica Johnson (second term)  
Ms Ashleigh Wakefield (second term)  
Sue O'Hagan (first term)  
Niluma Ponweera (first term)

We are very grateful to all those who have served as PCC members this year.

## CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

The Electoral Roll was revised in preparation for the APCM in April 2022. Following this revision the Electoral Roll stands at 162 people, a slight increase on the previous year (159 people).

Of our 162 members 61 reside within the parish of St Matthews, and 101 reside in other parishes, in the Team parishes, elsewhere in Surbiton and beyond.

*Judith Jones*

## OCCASIONAL SERVICES

The number of baptisms, marriages and funerals were as follows:

Baptisms	3
Weddings	2
Funerals (conducted both in our church buildings but also by a member of our ministry team elsewhere)	12

Occasional Services present the opportunity variously to mourn, offer comfort and celebrate with those in our Parish and beyond. All of these services allow us to speak into the life of the individuals concerned and witness to our faith both in our parish and the wider society as we seek to share the love of God.

This year our congregation suffered the loss of two much loved members. In May the congregation was rocked by the death of Sarah Rowe. At the age of 42 Sarah's sudden death from cancer devastated all those who knew and loved her whether from her family, friends, church, school or work. Following a poignant funeral in which the Christian hope which she shared with husband Simon was powerfully proclaimed an evening was also held later for those who were trying to come to terms with her death. It became apparent just how many lives Sarah had touched with her blend of kindness, care, directness, generosity and huge smile. Simon, Elliott and Matilda continue to be in our thoughts and prayers as do her wider family and friends as they all have to manage life here without her.

At the end of the year we also said farewell to David Weir. David had not been attending St Matthew's for that many years but through his faithfulness, friendliness and bagpipe playing he was known and loved by many. It was fitting that, having been unable to attend regularly towards the end, he came back to St Matthew's one last time for his funeral service.

While nationwide Christian funerals whether conducted in church or at a Crematorium/burial ground have considerably decreased, in recent years we have, as a Deanery, bucked the trend through our Kingston Deanery Funerals Administration Scheme. Thanks to The Rev'ds William Allberry and Carolyn Lucas who assist Helen in this important ministry and Julie Huggett the Deanery Funerals Administrator.

## THiS Team Matters

### Trusting in the Father, Honouring the Son, Serving in the Spirit

As I write this we have just enjoyed our 2023 THiS Team weekend but of course I have to save that until this time next year! So what happened in 2022?

The THiS Team highlight was the Confirmation Service at the end of January when Bishop Richard came and confirmed 19 candidates. Five of these were from elsewhere in the Deanery but from within our own Team we had 8 young people and 6 adults. They had all attended preparation classes which (due to the high numbers) we were able to run as two separate classes one for adults and one for young people. This is part of the prayer which the Bishop said over the candidates:

*Let your Holy Spirit rest upon them:  
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding; the Spirit of counsel and inward strength;  
the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness; and let their delight be in the fear of the Lord.*

Whilst we might find it easier if we substitute the word 'awe' or 'reverence' for 'fear' it's a prayer which bears repeating for each one of us.

In February our three PCCs joined together to consider our work with Children and Young People and the possible appointment of a paid worker across the Team. The session was well facilitated by Keli Bolton from the Diocese as we considered how we might resource any work we wanted to do either as individual churches or together as Team. The discussions were helpful and it was good to hear from each other. After further discussions in the year it was decided that there was not a sufficient identity of focus and priority for the churches to move on this together but it was still a good exercise in building relationships across the Team.

Since we couldn't do an All Together Team Service with everyone crowding into one church (for obvious reasons) instead we did two pulpit swaps over the year in February and October. We have also teamed up on some festivals like Ash Wednesday.



Even if the churches haven't been able to meet together that regularly, the clergy are, and I think I speak for all of us when I say that that is a great blessing of friendship and support. We were all there to celebrate Nicholas' priesting at All Saints' Kingston in July and that mutual support continued while Helen was on Sabbatical over the autumn.

The ongoing success story of the Team is Fuel which sadly bid farewell to Jen Houghton as she moved on to start her curacy. Jen started Fuel along with Simon Rowe and together they have shaped the group. So it was a great loss for Fuel to have to wish her farewell. But Simon is continuing to lead, now with Becky Whiting from St George's and we are so grateful to all three leaders past and present for the way in which they are seeking to keep our young people engaged in church with fun and relevant input each month.

The year also saw the last of the Team Walks organised by Dave and Jackie Farris. Offering the opportunity for fresh air, exercise and companionship across the Team several times a year the group met for the last time in November. Hopefully others will be able to think of and organise other ways in which we can come together as THiS Team across the year – all ideas to Helen, Luke, Carolyn or Nicholas please!

## Bereavement Friendly Church

We are continuing to focus on being a Bereavement Friendly Church. We have a small pastoral team who offer support to those who are grieving either individually or in groups.

We ran 'The Bereavement Journey' course twice in 2022 and the next course will begin in April 2023. This six-week course of films and facilitated group discussions offer a safe space where people can process and navigate their loss with others who are going through a similar experience. It has been highly effective in offering hope to those going through the darkest and most painful time of their lives. Many have said that this course was a turning point in their bereavement journey. Most of our guests have come from the local community and are not people of faith but many attend the optional sixth session which offers a Christian perspective to the faith questions often asked in bereavement.

Following '[The Bereavement Journey](#)' course in 2021, it became clear that those who attended were in need of the further support which groups can offer. We are now running a bereavement support walking group on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday morning of the month and a bereavement café on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday morning of the month to which anyone in the community who has been bereaved is welcome. These are ongoing open groups where participants can come and go as they wish. The Bereavement Café offers a safe space where those who attend can share their experiences and difficulties and receive understanding and support from others in the group. The group is welcoming towards newcomers. People often say that they no longer feel alone but feel more confident about their future. Many have described the group as a lifeline.

In November we held our annual service of Remembering and Thanking. This was a quiet service of reflection and thanksgiving for those we have loved but can no longer see. Invitations were sent to the families of those whose funerals had been conducted over the past year, but anyone else who wished to remember a loved one was also welcome to attend. Many of those who came were from the wider community. Several individuals remarked that they had felt welcome and that it had been a meaningful opportunity to honour the memory of their loved ones.

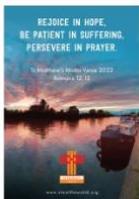
Grief is one of the most stressful events in life and as a church we would like to encourage everyone to welcome and reach out to those who are grieving so that people can feel protected and supported in their loss. There is also the potential for people outside the church to discover the love of God and experience the hope that the Christian message brings.



## View from the Vicarage

So this was the year when things began to get back to normal but that in itself had challenges too. Most churches across the land have been reporting reduced numbers worshipping onsite and reduced numbers of those willing or able to volunteer. Against this backdrop St Matthew's seems to have held up well, although we have not been immune from these pressures. But we've also seen some encouraging and exciting events and developments and this is a good place to record them for posterity. Where other reports cover events they are, by and large, not included here.

In January we launched our new Motto Verse, enriched by Wendy Dobing's graphics. We are so blessed that she helps us out, raising our communications to a professional level of engagement.



We were also visited by Bishop Richard twice in January! The first time was for the Civic Service to mark Councillor Sushila Abraham being Mayor. The second was for the Confirmation Service which saw 19 candidates being confirmed 14 from THiS Team and including Ellis, Evie, Elliott, Rochelle, Samara, Tanya and Mark from St Matthew's. It was an exciting day for the church and good to be able to have many people back in the building safely to worship together.

In February we had a Bring and Share lunch to watch the powerful film 'The True Cost'. This event was organised by the Eco-church Team to highlight the horrific practices and abuses in the clothing industry and to try to encourage all of us to shop with more thought about the ethical issues surrounding and provenance of our clothing. The message was firmly on trying to repair, swap, donate and wait until it comes back into fashion!

Following on from the THiS Team PCC Away morning talking about children and youth work, we started a monthly Zoom prayer meeting to pray for our children and young people and the issue of resources. The attendance at these across the following months was disappointing. Hopefully this didn't evidence either a lack of belief in the power of prayer or an indifference to our children and young people but was perhaps sadly more a testament to the busyness of people's lives.

In Holy Week we held evening services of Compline on Zoom but were otherwise pleased to be returning to our more usual pattern of Easter worship in person in the building (and in the garden!) . This also included the innovation of an Easter Eve spring clean of the building which we'll repeat.

In May, through the organisational prowess of Jen Houghton, the Eco -church team held a School Event. Attended by five local schools, our MP Sir Ed Davey, Alison Holt and Elliott Newton both from RBK and Jack Edwards from Southwark Diocese, the schools each presented what they were doing on their Eco agenda. It was a stimulating and very encouraging morning as good practice was shared and everyone went home with enthusiasm to carry on with what they were doing, only better and more!



In May we also blessed the handiwork of our SMArties group as their embroidered leaves and flowers brightened up the church kneelers bought in memory of one of their own, Janet McWilliams.



In June we enjoyed joining forces with St Matthew's Residents Association for the Platinum Jubilee Street Party. It seems a long time ago now for many reasons but the event was a huge success and we hope to repeat it to mark the Coronation this year.

Another June highlight was the teaching and support for our Children's Group leaders. There were three sessions run on Zoom and everyone who was able to attend was inspired by our learning together – better knowledge about the New Testament and the highlights of the Christian year, Children's spirituality and an Old Testament overview all increased confidence and enthusiasm for leading our children and young people's work. Thank you to those who spoke and attended.

We also said farewell to Jen, Pete, Daniel, Sophie and Jess Houghton with a mix of emotions and a Bring and Share lunch and entertainment. We were sorry to see them leave but excited that Jen's course to ordination was nearly at an end and she was leaving to start her curacy at St Andrew's Ham. Jen has contributed so much to the life of St Matthew's – chalking up a list of jobs which is unlikely to be matched by many over a relatively short amount of time; the whole family has been a blessing to us. Some of us were delighted to attend her ordination at Southwark Cathedral and we are glad that, for the time being, she is still a governor at St Matthew's School. Thank You Jen!

July saw the welcome re-introduction of our popular welcome breakfasts when those who have joined the church family in the last year are invited to come together to meet one another and some of the church members. It is always a good event and this was no exception.

In August we had the much-liked sermon series 'Why I am a Christian'. The last speaker this year was Ashleigh Wakefield and this service ended up being nearly her last service with us at St Matthew's, before she moved to a church in Hampton as an intern exploring ministry and ordination. It can be hard when 'one of our own' moves on to explore or conduct ministry elsewhere but we should rejoice that God has sown the seed and we have helped to water and nourish that seed for a season. Ashleigh walked into St Matthew's one day out of the blue and we have been so blessed by who she is and what she does. She became the youngest member of our 9am congregation (by some way) moving on to help in Pathfinders and always willing to help out wherever she could. We miss her.

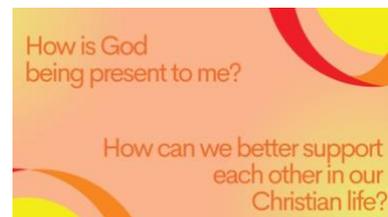
There was a big ring on the Vicarage calendar around the date of Sunday 14 August as the last date before the beginning of Helen's Sabbatical. With a mix of silent retreat, coastal walking, drawing in Florence, a brief visit to Venice and more retreat this was a wonderful time of relaxation and refreshment for Helen (and Simon when he was invited to join her!). That it happened is down to the generosity of the Diocese, to local clergy who generously filled in taking services but mostly down to everyone at St Matthew's who stepped up (and in some cases out of their comfort zone) to make sure it was business as usual. Thank You All!

An account of the major event during the autumn is provided by Rev William Allberry:  
*A sad event that we will all remember was the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on 8 September. Many in our community – even those who are not monarchists – were touched by the passing of such a faithful servant of our nation. For the week following her death we had the church open each day for a time of private prayer. Our services on the following Sunday both began with a brief word and a prayer, and then the singing of "God save the King". The following Sunday the choir sang as a Communion anthem "A prayer for the Queen from a grateful St Matthew's", with words by Sarath Weerasinghe set to music by S.S. Wesley.*

Helen returned on 1 December and it was all systems go for Christmas! It was a relief to be able to do the Christmas things that we were used to doing before the pandemic so the school productions in church were back on as were Christmas services and more! Christmas Day being on a Sunday helped

to take some of the pressure off but it's always a busy time for all those who contribute in any way to our worship.

One particularly pleasing and developing aspect of worship this year has been the development of the Seven Whole Days slot. Met with some initial uncertainty, this has provided the opportunity for members of each congregation to share something of their lives with each other and in doing so to realise the vision of us being God-focused and supporting each other every day of our lives – not just on Sundays.



Continuing through the Sabbatical, we have gradually become more confident about expressing prayer requests for others and ourselves and this has led to a greater sense of belonging and care for one another. Prayer doesn't take place there and then but, rather, it becomes the privilege and responsibility of all to make these their prayers over the coming week, indeed, weeks. Sharing more of what is happening in our lives has encouraged us too, as we have marvelled at the way in which God works in our lives.

Alongside all the special events wherever they are mentioned in this Annual Report, the weekly and monthly ministry of church life (which is carried out by many) continues. Care Home Communion are one of the aspects of ministry and mission which often go unreported as are School assemblies, pastoral visiting and other aspects which contribute towards our Seven Whole Days Vision. Our Balance Café is another aspect of this and our thanks goes to Alex, Charlie, Josh, John, Becky, and Nicola (all from Balance CIO) who run this project providing a welcoming space for anyone to share while enjoying good food at reasonable prices. The Café is part of the bedrock of our mission focus in the community so please do support it whenever you can and by introducing others too.

# Reports

## Treasurer's Report for the year ended 31 December 2022

In 2022, there was a deficit of £9,220 on unrestricted funds (before revaluations and transfers) and a deficit of £38 on restricted funds. After the revaluation of property and transfers, unrestricted funds increased by £22,517 and restricted funds decreased by £1,774. As a consequence, as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022, unrestricted funds totalled £866,225, of which £680,000 was represented by the property in Ellerton Road, and restricted funds £1,949.

### 1. Income

Total unrestricted income was £184,224 in 2022 and restricted income £13,817, giving a total of £198,041 (2021 £209,036). The decrease from 2021 to 2022 was primarily the result of there having been a Gift Day in 2021 but not in 2022. The level of regular giving rose year on year. Other categories seeing significant year on year changes include grants (down from £30,915 to £25,445 due to the Tower and Spire related VAT refunds ceasing) and church events (up from £0 to £5,685, largely due to the weekend away receipts in 2022).

### 2. Expenditure

Total expenditure on the unrestricted funds was £193,444 in 2022 and on restricted funds £13,854, a total of £207,298 (2021 £213,928). The largest elements of expenditure were the diocesan parish share £81,900 (2021 £80,300), major works and repairs £51,186 (2021 £54,121), mission and charitable giving £14,624 (2021 £17,585) and insurance £13,322 (2021 £12,904). The reduction in mission and charitable giving was a consequence of 2021 numbers being boosted by donations made from the Gift Day receipts. Other categories seeing significant year on year changes include professional fees (down from £16,062 to £5,551 due to a reduction in architects fees associated with building works) and an increase in mission and ministry costs (up from £1,636 to £7,119 largely due to the cost of the away weekend in 2022).

### 3. Transfers between Funds

The Tower and Spire fund was closed and the balance of £1,737 was transferred to the general fund.

### 4. Balance Sheet

The primary assets as at the end of 2021 were the property in Ellerton Road which was valued at £680,000 (2021 £650,000) and £199,074 (2021 £213,134) in cash and short term deposits.

### 5. Free Reserves

Free reserves (ie the reserves of the unrestricted funds net of fixed assets) amounted to £181,468 at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 (2021 £187,366). This continues to be in excess of the minimum required by the reserves policy.

## Churchwardens' Fabric Report

Firstly our thanks go again to everyone who helps to improve and maintain the fabric of our Church, many of whom do so very quietly.

During February the Stonework was finally finished and the builders installed four bicycle racks at the front entrance which are regularly used by our congregation and the bench given in memory of Bob and Melda Hyde by their family. The builders also installed two new blue notice boards which inform the general public of up and coming events

A rail was added behind the vmix desk to ensure better safety for the operators. The office door lock was repaired and one of the Main front door locks was replaced to enable both doors to be opened in warm weather which looks much more welcoming when summer arrives. Some old pews were moved to improve the Prayer Corner and make the Memorial Book more accessible.

Our Quinquennial Inspection took place in June 2022 and this will be looked at closely to determine our tasks for the coming year and beyond. June also saw the Sensory garden being kicked off by a group of Lloyds Bank employees who did a lot of heavy gardening work in the main area as part of their community work. It has since been worked on and (when allowed) watered regularly and certainly improves the appearance at the front of church.

In July, Surbiton High School girls made their annual trip to St Matthew's and relined the notice boards in the Chapel and painted a mural along the wall which has really brightened up the room. They also constructed a Bug Hotel for us.

Parts of the Chapel floor needed to be repaired and this was started in August.

It was decided that we should cancel our regular Maintenance Day in 2022 as a mark of respect for The Queen passing away. We hope to organise one for this year which we hope will be well supported.

Once again thank you to everyone who helps to maintain our beautiful building.

*Dave Hill and Jackie Farris*

## Safeguarding



A DBS check for a new Children's Group helper is being processed, otherwise all DBS checks are up to date. The Diocese used to ask for DBS checks to be done every five years but have now changed it to every three years giving us until 2024 to make the transition. Safeguarding training is ongoing, there are seven people who need to renew theirs as training has to be repeated three yearly. Awareness of Domestic Abuse training now must be undertaken by clergy, Readers, SPAs, PCC members and Safeguarding Officers; there are three people still to complete this. Safeguarding is a standing item at all PCC meetings and information about safeguarding is on the home page of our website. A PCC resolution was passed confirming that it complies with its duty to have due regard to the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults (under section 5 of the Safeguarding & Clergy Disciplinary Measure 2016). An Activity Risk Assessment was completed for the Children's groups and Crèche rooms and some minor adjustments were made.

*Brenda Tyrrell and Sue Fraser*

## Eco Church

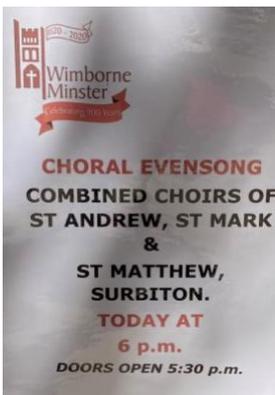
During this exciting year we maintained our silver award status and took forward our action under the main headings of the A Rocha Eco Church scheme: within teaching and worship, the Climate Emergency theme is always present in our prayers, and the children led a brilliant special service about it last autumn on St Matthew's Weekend; we maintained the economical lighting and heating of our building and encouraged lifestyle changes through weekly Ecotips, and keeping church purchasing in line with those changes; we increased biodiversity on our land, including magnificent work by volunteers from Lloyds Bank to clear brambles, plant a new Mediterranean garden and erect compost bins – followed up by a tireless group of church helpers; under community and global engagement, children from five local schools came to present the fascinating work they were doing to combat climate change and put challenging questions to Ed Davey and church and local authority representatives; and again we contributed in cash and kind to relevant local and national charities. Onward and upward!



## Music and St Matthew's Choir

2022 was a good year of post-Covid consolidation for the choir, and we were able to resume an uninterrupted schedule of singing at the Sunday morning services with hymns, anthems and Communion settings. On Good Friday the choir performed choruses from Stainer's 'Crucifixion' during the final hour of the three-hour devotional service.

In the summer, we were able to resume our annual visits to cathedrals and other important places of worship in the company of the choir of St Andrew's & St Mark's, this time heading down to Wimborne



Minster on one of the hottest days of the summer (fortunately in an air-conditioned coach). It was a very enjoyable day, and the presence of supporting members of the congregation made it even more so. At Christmas the Carols by Candlelight service created its own special atmosphere of worship, celebration and expectation. As always, thanks are due to Hazel Crossley, Sue O'Hagan, Nigel Palmer and Felix Elliott for playing the organ to cover holidays and illness, as well as the Director of Music's semi-Sabbatical! Also much appreciated is the faithful and regular contribution of band members Simon Rowe, Nigel Palmer, Bryan Goodman, Dave Farris and Gabriel Caine to the leading of the worship at the 10.45 service.

*Simon Hancock  
Director of Music*

## Discipleship Team



In May 2022 the team organised St. Matthew's second weekend away event at the De Vere hotel, Horsley. Entitled 'Look ahead' In hope, in prayer and with patience. 35 people attended the weekend with the speaker, Chris Chapman offering a valuable insight into the theme along with practical applications for all to consider. With plenty of time for social interaction, personal reflection and study, the weekend proved very popular with those attending.

The 2022 Lent course from TearFund was enjoyed by many within the congregation. Thy Kingdom Come booklets were distributed to church attendees, and two 4 week Bible study groups were successfully run by Jen Houghton.

A new feature of our Seven Whole Days vision was introduced to our Sunday church services to encourage the congregation to consider how we could build each other up by sharing our faith in praying for each other over the coming week.

Home Groups took the lead in 10:45 services as part of growing people's ministry.

Over the year the departure of congregation members was reviewed and consideration given to managing this.

## Report on Deanery Synod

The Deanery Synod met three times, and it was a great relief to meet in person in July! The main achievement was to approve in February a resolution for the Diocesan Synod, that it invest its funds (then about £25m) only in companies with ethical policies – specifically, aiming to exclude the arms trade and fossil fuels. This resolution will be debated by Diocesan Synod in February 2023. In October, we discussed the Warmer Spaces initiative, on which churches are taking action at a local level; and also ways of keeping energy costs down. We have both issues in hand in St Matthew's, through the cornerHOUSE and Eco Church. The new CofE secondary school for Kingston, reported on last year, is now planned to open in autumn 2024.

*Sheena, Sue and Mark*

## Children's Groups

### Scramblers and Climbers (Scrimblers)

Scramblers and Climbers operated separately for a short time but have come together more recently to run joint sessions. The age range of the children is broad, especially as there is currently no Crèche provision so younger siblings are joining the group, meaning our age group ranges from 2 to 7!

We are very grateful to Surbiton Girls School whose hard working re-doing the display boards and painting a mural have transformed the once dark Chapel into a lovely bright space.

We continue to focus on giving the young children a sense of familiarity and the feeling of belonging to the church family by sharing and celebrating key dates and events within the Church calendar. This included Christmas and Easter of course, but also other dates for example Pentecost, Lent, Palm Sunday and Harvest; teaching them the Fruit of the Spirit, with a focus on love, patience and kindness; telling Bible stories—we structured sessions around Bible stories that our experience showed children of this age group could embrace, for example Daniel and the lion, Noah, Moses, Jesus the healer, Jesus' miracles; sharing things they may hear about in church – our motto verse, Christian Aid, Communion, Christian Unity Week, Remembrance Sunday; and we made bunting for the Eco-Church service.



We run a session structure comprising Lighting the candle, Scrimblers Prayer, newshound, weekly themed Bible reading, interactive games and discussion, craft activities and finishing with songs and stories. Our children know the words to the prayers and understand the structure.

We have a great team and are most grateful for all they do in the ministry of our youngest church family members.

*Judith, Melissa, Wendy, Will, Julie, Mary, Gee, Niluma, Harry and Rochelle*

## Explorers

Throughout this year we have continued to operate as a stand- alone children's group for age range 7-11. We meet in the Sitzler Room during the 10.45 Service and each of our themed sessions is run by a leader and helper from our wonderful and dedicated band of volunteers.

In our time together we encourage the children to consider how we can relate our Christian faith to our own day to day lives and experiences.

Starting each gathering with our Explorers prayer, generally followed by around the table chat on each of the highlights of our week, Bible reading and then activities related to our theme for the day.

We have been using Scripture Union lessons for our source material although this is not a rigid format and those running the group have flexibility in preparation and delivery.

Our most important aim for our Explorers – averaging between eight and ten in number most Sundays – is to make learning fun, in a welcoming friendly and inclusive environment for all.

*Mark, Jessica, Stuart, Lesley, Keith, Anne, Lila, Heather, Sue*

## Pathfinders



Our Pathfinders meet each Sunday morning for Bible based discussions, games and refreshments. This year, we have started to follow the 'CY' course from Christianity Explored. On the third Sunday of every month the Pathfinders stay in the main service for Holy Communion. Throughout the year, we also plan several socials outside of church to grow in faith and friendship together. There are three Pathfinder leaders - Ian, Sam and Lauren, who would love to welcome any young

people in school year 7 and up to join Pathfinders! During the year we were sorry to see Ashleigh leave for pastures new – just as she had really started enjoying leading Pathfinders!

*Ian, Lauren, and Sam*

## Fuel

Fuel has continued to meet every month in 2022. Sessions are a mix of games, activities, discussion and prayer. The young people have a say on discussion topics and we reflect on what being a Christian might mean for all of us as we grow and learn together. We usually have between 10 - 15 young people join us each month from across our three Team Churches.

In June 2022 we said a fond farewell to Fuel leader Jen Houghton and welcomed Becky Whiting - lay reader at St George's. We'd love to take the opportunity to say a huge thank you to Jen for her fabulous leadership over several years.

September 2022 saw a new intake of year 6 youngsters many of whom have become enthusiastic regulars.

In December we had a Christmas pizza and games night in the hall at St George's.

If you are in years 6-9, we'd love to welcome you along to Fuel.

*Becky Whiting and Simon Rowe*

## Other Church Groups

### Delta Homegroup

Delta Homegroup meets on a Thursday evening between 7.30 and 9.15pm usually at Joan Scriven's house. There are now eight members in the group. Each week we start with coffee and chat, catching upon each other's news – this is an integral part of any homegroup as it's a time when we share our successes, joys and worries and so we know how to pray for each other during the week. We then start with prayer followed by studying a book or part of a book of the Bible. This year, we've studied books on Women of the Bible, Psalms and Spiritual Gifts. We also led a service in September. If you don't already belong to a group do think about joining us or one of the others, as it is a brilliant way to learn more about your faith, yourself and to get spiritual support to see you through the week.

*Brenda Tyrrell*

## Inspire Homegroup



With eleven on the register, we are too big to fit into available houses comfortably. So we are currently meeting in the Sitzler Room at St Matthew's where we rejoice in each other's company, have a variety of hot drinks and inspiring (!) discussions and studies. It is wonderful fellowship to meet regularly, study and pray together. We laugh, we sometimes cry, and we eat chocolate comestibles (thanks, Mark!).

Meeting on a Monday, it is a great time to discuss the previous day's sermon(s), and sometimes agree-to-disagree. We use a variety of study material, including video, and find these great for initiating discussions which challenge and strengthen our belief. We always have a comprehensive and inclusive prayer session, which ends with the grace.

*Ian Davies*

## Sigma Homegroup



For the first half of 2022 the Sigma homegroup met regularly using Zoom, with face to face meetings whenever possible. For the second half of 2022 it was decided to combine the Sigma group with the Beta group, meeting on Wednesdays, to ensure that sufficient attendees would be present to have a viable study night. See the Beta report for more details.

*Dave Farris*

## Brunch Bunch

Brunch Bunch continues to meet in the Sitzler Room at church on Monday morning. We started 2022 with a short series on the letters of James, entitled "Faith that Works" looking at how our actions should reflect our beliefs, and our love for others should reflect God's love for us. The words have such a freshness and relevance for us today.

After a break for Lent (giving up Lent Groups for Lent?) we then turned to the Old Testament and have spent the rest of the year (and beyond) on a long study of Genesis, which has been challenging, both taking a fresh look at well-known stories such as the Creation and also seeing how faith was born and strengthened through the lives of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, then looking at God working through the ups and downs of Joseph's life.

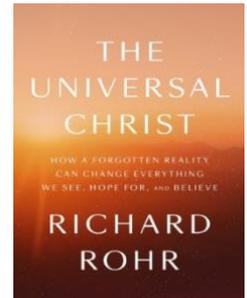
Again this year we joined the community choir which also meets in the Church on Monday morning for some carol singing at Christmas.

If you would like to know more, or to join us, please speak to me or to Helen. Sadly despite our name we don't have brunch or even coffee at our meetings, but we do occasionally venture out to lunch together.

*Judith Jones*

## Beta Homegroup

The Beta Homegroup meets on a Wednesday evening each week and we have a regular group of around 8 members following a range of topics throughout the year. We typically stop in March to offer a Lent course, welcoming new people from our own and other churches. We were also very happy to lead one of the Sunday services during Helen's sabbatical. We particularly enjoy following courses with engaging videos or CD commentaries. During 2022 we discussed a number of interesting subjects including a course on John's gospel, and Justin Welby's reflections on 1 Peter called "Thy Kingdom Come". After the summer break we discussed "The Universal Christ" the teachings of Franciscan friar and ecumenical teacher, Father Richard Rohr who bears witness to the deep wisdom of Christian mysticism and traditions of action and contemplation. These discussions were both fascinating and challenging and helped strengthen our faith journey. We finished the year with a study on Judgement and an Advent course called "Unexpected Jesus". For these last 2, we joined together with Sigma Homegroup which helped boost our numbers and we appreciated their new insights.



*Nigel Palmer and Simon Hancock*

## Ruby Homegroup



Ruby Group's nine members came from three different Kingston churches - St Matthew's, St George's, and St Paul's. We had nine meetings throughout the last year using a combination of Zoom and in person gatherings. We very sadly lost a beloved member of our group, Sarah Rowe, who even bravely hosted us just a month before she died. Our group since has continued together and individually to use the YouVersion Bible study plans, and has started the Church Army 'Faith Pictures' course. It is currently taking a break and does not meet.

*Melissa Turner*

## SMARTIES Craft Group



Smarties Embroidery Group had a name change this year - to Smarties Craft Group. We have always been working on a banner or project for the church but are, for the time being, bringing our own knitting or sewing to work on. However, we completed 'Our Heritage' in embroidered letters to go on the Heritage board at the back of the church.

We welcomed Eileen as a new member of the group and our doors are always open to anyone else who might be interested in joining us. We meet in the Sitzler Room on Thursdays from 10 till 12.

*Gill Davies*

## Other Reports

### St Matthew's C of E Primary School



## BELIEVING, ACHIEVING, SUCCEEDING

In March 2022, **St Matthew's Primary School** embarked upon the OPAL Primary Programme which is an 18-24 month strategic programme that supports school improvement through play. Children are at play for 1.4 years of their time at Primary School and this programme helps with their resilience, decision-making, creativity, language and story-telling skills, as well as maths, engineering and science. It also leads to improved environmental awareness, improved positive behaviour and less accidents and incidents, making the return to class more productive as well as gaining an estimated extra 10 minutes of learning time per day. We had previously considered undertaking this project for school development, and with the added pressures on the children from a lack of activity and socialization during Covid times, we decided that now was the time to act.

The programme has involved the commitment of senior school leaders, key staff play coordinators, governors and parent champions who meet regularly to lead on and support the action plan and also all staff members and parents to get behind the project and ensure its success. The local community have also supported this initiative and the majority of the resources have been donated or recycled, giving purpose to items that would otherwise have been thrown away or added to landfill.

The children love their play and this project 'enables our whole school community to live life in all its fullness', just as our vision intends.

*Pam Dryden*

## cornerHOUSE Community Arts Centre



Looking back over 2022's diary, the centre has presented a wonderfully varied programme of events. These included education and entertainment, involving our community as students, performers and audience members. There have been workshops and classes in poetry, playwriting, production, acting and stage technology. We have worked closely with partners such as Whole Lotta Comedy, South Side Theatre Academy, Regency Bookshop, Surbiton Historical Society and many others to provide high quality opportunities for people living in our locality.

The centre has developed its own events such as *The Lockdown Beauty* (the 2022 contribution to a long line of community pantomimes), the One Act Play festival (providing a showcase for local writers) and a visual arts programme to exhibit, and hear from, local artists. The centre has worked with an experienced promoter to reintroduce high quality folk music, to halt the demise of folk clubs in the area. This is but a précis account of the dozens of different events held this year. The Trust is working hard to meet its remit of a wide ranging arts facility for local people. Do ask us if you would like more information.

*Ian Davies/Andy Keane/Joan Scriven*

*PCC appointed trustees to the Douglas Centre Trust operating the cornerHOUSE community arts centre*

## 1<sup>st</sup> Tolworth (St Matthew's) Scout Group



Over the past year our Group has begun to recover from the loss of younger members not joining due to COVID but things are now changing. We are getting more requests from parents for their child to join our Beaver Colony.

Our Scout, Cub Scout and Beaver Scout sections have again had the opportunity to take part in the yearly programmes, meeting face to face going to camps, sleepovers, expeditions, outings, District and National competitions, all this and also fitting in the

normal weekly meetings, offering fun, excitement and skills for life to our young members.

Our Cub leader is doing an excellent job with the Cub Pack! And she has a new Leader to help her. He has come through the Group as a Beaver, Cub, Scout, Explorer Scout and Young Leader. And when he turned 18, he decided he wanted to continue to help as a Section Assistant with Cubs.

At the end of April our Beaver Leader had to stand down, thankfully the section was kept going with the help of other leaders, however in September a willing volunteer stepped up to take on the role. Again our new Beaver Leader has been with the Group since being a Beaver through to Explorers; she was a Young Leader with Beavers for some time a few years ago before leaving us to go to university. We are so pleased she has re-joined the 1<sup>st</sup> Tolworth family. The Beaver Colony is thriving and currently there is a waiting list to join.

During the summer our Cubs had a wonderful weekend camp at Walton Firs Activity Centre.

And our Scout Troop spent an enjoyable week in the leafy campsite of Youlbury, near Oxford. We were able to hold our St. Georges day service again. As you know this is the day when all Scouts renew their Scout promise. And we are so grateful to St Matthew's for yet again allowing us to hold this very special day in the Church.

In June our Annual General Meeting was held in our HQ and not on ZOOM. At the AGM, Sheila Jones, one of our long standing Executive Members received the Award for Merit something she was so proud of. Sadly, Sheila passed away in November; Sheila's dedicated service to 1st Tolworth Scouts on the Group Executive committee spanned an incredible 43 years and 7 months.

Our November Fayre, opened by the Mayor of Kingston, was back on as a full event and not scaled down in size like last Year

The Group had a good attendance at the Surbiton War Memorial Remembrance Service.

So moving on following the Pandemic Era, as a group we are growing and will continue to offer fun, learning and those important skills for life for the young people in our area. We are and will proudly always be 1<sup>st</sup> Tolworth (St. Matthew's) Scout Group.

*Martin Smith*

### Children's Society Report



The Children's Society is a United Kingdom national children's charity allied to the Church of England, working to transform the hopes and happiness of young people facing abuse, exploitation and neglect. The Society supports the many who are facing the most serious of life challenges. They need help to face a level of threat at previously unseen levels while there are ever increasing pressures on families. Meanwhile, social and support services are stretched to the limit.

The ongoing cost of living crisis means that fund raising to meet charitable needs is significantly restrained. In 2022, St Matthew's Church raised £460.80 at the Christingle Service, £420.63 with House Collection Boxes and £ 68.36 from other collections for a magnificent total of £949.79. On behalf of the Society, thank you for your continued generosity. Please take a look at [www.childrenssociety.org.uk](http://www.childrenssociety.org.uk) to learn about the initiatives and activities taking place and see how you too can help by volunteering even a small amount of your time, by participating in campaigns, by raising money or doing a charity challenge or by donating to this important cause.

*Paul Mackie*

PARISH OF ST MATTHEW'S SURBITON

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 DECEMBER 2022

REGISTERED CHARITY NO.1143978

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE PCC OF ST MATTHEW'S SURBITON

I report on the accounts of the church for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages 2 to 10.

### Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The church's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The church's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### Independent examiner's statement

Since the gross income for the year exceeds the amount provided in section 145(3) of the Act, I confirm that I am qualified to act as Independent Examiner under the provisions of that section of the Act and that my qualification is as shown below.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

  
Mr George Mitchell ACA  
51 Langdon Park  
Teddington  
TW11 9PR

Dated: 16 February 2023

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MATTHEW'S SURBITON

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds	
				2022 £	2021 £
INCOME					
Voluntary income	2(a)	155,120	13,637	168,757	185,932
Activities for generating funds	2(b)	4,814	180	4,994	4,457
Income from investments	2(c)	17,318	-	17,318	15,955
Income from church activities	2(d)	6,971	-	6,971	2,692
TOTAL INCOME		<u>£ 184,224</u>	<u>£ 13,817</u>	<u>£ 198,041</u>	<u>£ 209,036</u>
EXPENDITURE					
Church Activities	3	193,444	13,854	207,298	213,928
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>£ 193,444</u>	<u>£ 13,854</u>	<u>£ 207,298</u>	<u>£ 213,928</u>
NET INCOME (EXPENDITURE) BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS		(9,220)	(38)	(9,257)	(4,891)
NET GAINS ON PROPERTY/INVESTMENTS		30,000	-	30,000	-
Transfers between Funds	4	1,737	(1,737)	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		22,517	(1,774)	20,743	(4,891)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD		843,708	23,723	867,431	872,322
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>£ 866,225</u>	<u>£ 21,949</u>	<u>£ 888,174</u>	<u>£ 867,431</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MATTHEW'S SURBITON

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2022</u>		<u>2021</u>	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS	6				
Tangible assets			684,757		656,342
CURRENT ASSETS	7				
Investments		-		-	
Debtors & prepayments		15,649		18,134	
Short term deposit		182,431		207,317	
Cash at bank and in hand		16,643		5,816	
		<u>214,723</u>		<u>231,267</u>	
LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	8	<u>11,306</u>		<u>20,178</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			203,417		211,089
TOTAL NET ASSETS	9		<u>£ 888,174</u>		<u>£ 867,431</u>
PARISH FUNDS	10				
Unrestricted			866,225		843,708
Restricted			21,949		23,723
TOTAL PARISH FUNDS			<u>£ 888,174</u>		<u>£ 867,431</u>

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 21st March and signed on its behalf by:



H M Hancock (Chair)



T Lucas (Treasurer)

The notes on pages 4 to 10 form part of these accounts.

# PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MATTHEW'S SURBITON

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Basis of preparation

The PCC is a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102. The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 governing the individual accounts of PCCs, and with the Regulations' "true and fair view" provisions, together with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP (FRS102).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention other than in the case of property. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

#### Funds

*Restricted funds* represent (a) income from trusts or endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust or bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. The funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of each year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund.

*Unrestricted funds* are general funds which can be used for PCC ordinary purposes.

#### Income

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received. Tax refunds are recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received. Grants and legacies are accounted for when the PCC is legally entitled to the amounts due and the amount can be ascertained with reasonable certainty. Interest is accrued and all other income is recognised when it is receivable. All incoming resources are accounted for gross. The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the PCCs' annual report.

#### Expenditure and liabilities

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation and settlement is probable and quantifiable. Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding or constructive obligation on the PCC. The diocesan parish share is accounted for when paid or committed by the PCC to be paid in respect of the relevant accounting period. All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

#### Fixed Assets

Consecrated and benefice property is excluded from the accounts in accordance with s10(2)(a) of the Charities Act 2011.

#### *Movable church furnishings*

Movable church furnishings are capitalised at cost and depreciated over their anticipated useful economic life except where there is insufficient information about costs or where the cost is less than £1000. These assets are listed in the church's inventory which can be inspected.

#### *Other land and buildings*

Other land and buildings held by the PCC are valued at estimated market value. A valuation is undertaken every three years. No depreciation is charged against such properties but any expenditure on maintenance is written off when incurred.

#### *Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment.*

Equipment used within the church, or church office, not falling into the categories mentioned above, and costing more than £2,500 is capitalised and depreciated on a straight line basis over its anticipated useful economic life.

#### Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC are shown as debtors. A provision is made if any amounts are uncollectable. Short term deposits include cash held on deposit either in the CBF Church of England fund or at a bank or other authorised financial institution.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MATTHEW'S SURBITON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

2. INCOME

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	
	Funds	Funds	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
2(a) Voluntary income				
Tax efficient planned giving	97,741	3,162	100,903	101,031
Other planned giving	5,675	-	5,675	2,087
Collections	3,043	764	3,806	3,374
Other giving and voluntary receipts	4,290	1,242	5,532	18,804
Tax recoverable	26,427	969	27,396	29,722
Legacies	-	-	-	-
Grants (inc VAT recoverable)	17,945	7,500	25,445	30,915
	<u>155,120</u>	<u>13,637</u>	<u>168,757</u>	<u>185,932</u>
2(b) Activities for generating funds				
Fundraising events	-	180	180	263
Church lettings	2,270	-	2,270	1,740
Church hall income	2,544	-	2,544	2,454
	<u>4,814</u>	<u>180</u>	<u>4,994</u>	<u>4,457</u>
2(c) Income from investments				
Dividends and interest	1,549	-	1,549	185
Ellerton Road rent	15,770	-	15,770	15,770
	<u>17,318</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,318</u>	<u>15,955</u>
2(d) Income from church activities				
Wedding and funeral fees	1,286	-	1,286	2,692
Church events	5,685	-	5,685	-
	<u>6,971</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,971</u>	<u>2,692</u>
TOTAL	<u>£ 184,224</u>	<u>£ 13,817</u>	<u>£ 198,041</u>	<u>£ 209,036</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

3. EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	£	£	£	£
Church Activities				
Mission & Charitable Giving	13,700	924	14,624	17,585
Major works and repairs	41,016	10,170	51,186	54,121
Diocesan parish share	81,900	-	81,900	80,300
Music	5,551	-	5,551	4,762
Professional fees	5,988	-	5,988	16,062
Church maintenance	4,907	2,665	7,572	3,109
Insurance	13,322	-	13,322	12,904
Gas, electricity and water	6,885	-	6,885	4,791
Administration	7,366	-	7,366	6,649
Other	3,627	5	3,632	8,117
Ellerton road costs	2,153	-	2,153	3,893
Mission & ministry	7,029	90	7,119	1,636
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>£ 193,444</u>	<u>£ 13,854</u>	<u>£ 207,298</u>	<u>£ 213,928</u>

4 ANALYSIS OF TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS

	General Fund	Tower & Spire Fund
	£	£
Fund Transfers	<u>1,737</u>	<u>(1,737)</u>

The general fund provided more monies than required to the Tower and Spire Fund in prior years. The excess has now been returned and the Tower & Spire fund closed..

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MATTHEW'S SURBITON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

5 **STAFF COSTS**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	2022 <u>£</u>	2021 <u>£</u>
Salaries	8,805	-	8,805	11,193
Employers National Insurance	-	-	-	-
Pension Costs	-	-	-	-
	<u>£ 8,805</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 8,805</u>	<u>£ 11,193</u>

The average number of staff employed during the year was 2 (2021: 3).

**Payments to PCC members and associates**

Simon Hancock is paid for the services rendered as Director of Music. He is the husband of the PCC Chair. He was paid £3,000 in 2022 (£3,000 in 2021).

6 **FIXED ASSETS**

		Freehold Land & Buildings
<b>Tangible</b> (unrestricted)		
VALUATION	At 1 January 2022	650,000
	Revaluation	30,000
	At 31 December 2022	<u>£ 680,000</u>
		AV Equipment
COST	At 1 January 2022	7,927
	Additions at cost	-
	At 31 December 2022	<u>£ 7,927</u>
DEPRECIATION	At 1 January 2022	1,585
	Charge for the year	1,585
	At 31 December 2022	<u>£ 3,170</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	At 31 December 2022	<u>£ 4,757</u>
	At 31 December 2021	<u>£ 6,342</u>
TOTAL	At 31 December 2022	<u>£ 684,757</u>
	At 31 December 2021	<u>£ 656,342</u>

The freehold land and buildings comprises the house and land at 172 Ellerton Road. The AV equipment is being depreciated over 5 years on a straight line basis.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

7 CURRENT ASSETS

<b>Debtors</b>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Tax recoverable	14,267	12,893
Prepayments and accrued interest	0	4,721
Other debtors	1,382	520
	<u>£ 15,649</u>	<u>£ 18,134</u>

The debtor split between funds is as follows

Unrestricted	15,001	17,578
Restricted	648	556
	<u>£ 15,649</u>	<u>£ 18,134</u>

8 LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Deposits in advance	200	-
Accruals	1,801	687
Other creditors	9,305	19,491
	<u>£ 11,306</u>	<u>£ 20,178</u>

The creditor split between funds is as follows

Unrestricted	9,964	19,360
Restricted	1,342	818
	<u>£ 11,306</u>	<u>£ 20,178</u>

9 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fixed assets	684,757	-	684,757
Current assets	191,432	23,291	214,723
Current liabilities	(9,964)	(1,342)	(11,306)
Fund balance	<u>£ 866,225</u>	<u>£ 21,949</u>	<u>£ 888,174</u>

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MATTHEW'S SURBITON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

10 FUND DETAILS

	Balance b/fwd at 1 Jan 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Investment Gains/ Revaluation	Transfer to/from Funds £	Balance c/fwd at 31 Dec 2022 £
Unrestricted Funds:						
General	193,708	184,224	193,444		1,737	186,225
Property	650,000	-	-	30,000	-	680,000
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>£ 843,708</u></b>	<b><u>£ 184,224</u></b>	<b><u>£ 193,444</u></b>	<b><u>£ 30,000</u></b>	<b><u>£ 1,737</u></b>	<b><u>£ 866,225</u></b>
Restricted Funds:						
Tower & Spire	1,737	-	-	-	-1,737	-
Organ	11,670	4,001	-	-	-	15,671
Special Offerings	-	929	929	-	-	-
Youth Mission	1,500	-	-	-	-	1,500
Gift Day	8,778	-	4,000	-	-	4,778
NCT	-	7,500	7,500	-	-	-
Sundries	39	1,386	1,425	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>£ 23,723</u></b>	<b><u>£ 13,817</u></b>	<b><u>£ 13,854</u></b>	<b><u>£ -</u></b>	<b><u>-£ 1,737</u></b>	<b><u>£ 21,949</u></b>
<b>Funds Total</b>	<b><u>£ 867,431</u></b>	<b><u>£ 198,041</u></b>	<b><u>£ 207,298</u></b>	<b><u>£ 30,000</u></b>	<b><u>£ -</u></b>	<b><u>£ 888,174</u></b>

**Fund Particulars**

Property - the fund holding 172 Ellerton Road.

Tower & Spire - monies donated for the Tower & Spire project. This fund is now closed.

Organ - monies donated for major works on the organ.

Special Offerings - monies donated for mission and charities.

Youth Mission - monies donated to support mission amongst the youth of the parish

Gift Day - monies donated for various works on the building

NCT - prize money from National Churches Trust for maintenance and upkeep of church building

Sundries - monies donated for various small items

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST MATTHEW'S SURBITON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

11 CHARITABLE DONATIONS	2022	2021
KCAH (inc Joel Trust)	3,096	3,386
Church Mission Society	2,055	1,915
Church Urban Fund	2,055	1,915
Oxygen	1,370	1,777
Fircroft Trust	1,370	1,777
Church Pastoral Aid Society	1,370	1,277
Street Pastors Kingston	1,370	1,277
A Rocha	685	319
Balance	685	-
Children's Society	282	138
African Vision Malawi	114	248
Embrace the Middle East	86	37
Kingston Foodbank	86	-
Christian Aid	-	2,063
Barnfield Riding	-	638
Milaap	-	500
Staywell	-	319
	<u>£ 14,624</u>	<u>£ 17,585</u>

Most of the above was funded from general giving.

The end of this report is always dedicated in grateful thanks to those whose hard work has been recorded and to those who remain the unsung heroes of our church.

This report can be no different. Everyone's contribution ensures the success of the whole. So whether you have a title or a specific role, whether you are part of a team or work on your own, together we are the body of Christ offering ourselves in service of the Kingdom of God.

*The way God designed our bodies is a model for understanding our lives together as a church: every part dependent on every other part, the parts we mention and the parts we don't, the parts we see and the parts we don't.*

*If one part hurts, every other part is involved in the hurt, and in the healing.*

*If one part flourishes, every other part enters into the exuberance.*

*Together we are Christ's body—that's who we are! We must never forget this.*

*Only as we accept our part of that body does our "part" mean anything.*

I Cor 12. 25-27 from the Message